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Mrs. Heather Stefanson
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Room 227 Legislative Building
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Dear Mrs. Stefanson:

I am writing to correct the record regarding statements that I made during the Committee of Supply meeting on Wednesday, May 9. I also wish to offer my unreserved apology to you for any confusion which has arisen due to these statements.

As you know, there was a great deal of discussion last week regarding the distribution of Jets tickets by Manitoba's Crown corporations. I was asked about this several times in Question Period by you and your colleagues and again by members of the media.

It was in this context that I replied to your questions during the estimates process and it was in this context that I inadvertently misled the House last Wednesday.

Contrary to the information that I provided to you last week, I want to make it clear that I have also attended:

- One Jets game with Red River College.
- Two Jets games with the Manitoba Home Builders' Association.
- One Jets game with a ticket from a personal acquaintance.

The information that I put on the record was incorrect. For this I offer my sincere apologies.

I have since declared with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner the games that I attended with the Manitoba Home Builders Association and the Red River College. Further, I have made arrangements to make a charitable donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association in the value of these tickets.

The Premier has made it clear that the old way of distributing tickets is not acceptable. That is why this week we introduced new guidelines to ensure that MLAs and Ministers are treated like everyone else when it comes to professional sporting events.

I have apologized to the Premier for the misunderstanding and I will further correct the record officially in the House.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Stan Struthers
Minister of Finance